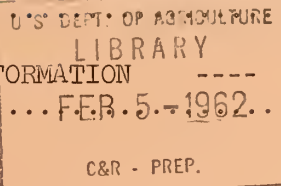


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THE ASCS COMMODITY OFFICES

Where They Are -- What They Do

As of June 30, 1961, the Commodity Credit Corporation owned outright -- and so was fully responsible for -- more than 1200 million bushels of wheat, more than 1200 million bushels of corn, almost 2 million bales of cotton, and about 392 million hundredweight of grain sorghums, 53 million bushels of barley, 10 million bushels of oats, 4.3 million hundredweight of rice, 307 million pounds of nonfat dry milk, and 160 million pounds of butter -- plus smaller quantities of rye, peanuts, tung oil, and a few other commodities.

In addition, CCC had nonrecourse loans outstanding on -- and so was partly responsible for -- more than 600 million pounds of tobacco, 740 million bushels of corn, 125 million bushels of wheat, 42 million bushels of barley, and 14 million bushels of oats -- plus smaller quantities of grain sorghums, soybeans, rye, peanuts, rice, flaxseed, and a few other commodities.

Taken together, all these farm commodities which CCC either owned outright or had nonrecourse loans outstanding on (plus about 50 million dollars worth of strategic materials acquired through barter of farm commodities owned by CCC) represented a taxpayer's investment of approximately \$7 billion.

The job of safeguarding this investment -- of seeing that these commodities are properly stored and accounted for, moved as necessary from local storage points to interior or terminal warehouses, and eventually sold or otherwise disposed of in the best interests of the taxpayer -- is the responsibility principally of the commodity field offices of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Except for a few commodities, such as tobacco and gum naval stores (rosin and turpentine), which are handled in production areas by associations of producer cooperatives working under contractual agreements with CCC, any price-supported farm commodity entering a CCC loan or inventory status becomes a management responsibility of one or another of the seven ASCS Commodity Offices.

These seven offices, located at appropriate farm commodity merchandising and shipping centers, are the field management arms of the Commodity Credit Corporation. Their activities are coordinated in Washington under the general policy guidance of the Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (who is also the Executive Vice-President of CCC) operating through a Deputy Administrator for Commodity Operations.

The law requires that all CCC commodity operations -- buying, selling, transporting, warehousing, milling, crushing, or such other handling as may be needed -- must be carried out to the fullest extent practicable by utilizing "the usual and customary channels, facilities, and arrangements of trade and commerce." Government-owned storage, for example, is used only as an emergency measure when privately owned storage is unavailable or inadequate. Thousands

of warehouses, banks, purchase and sales agents, processors, handlers, carriers and other elements of the trade are utilized by these offices in carrying out their operations.

The names and addresses of the seven ASCS Commodity Offices are given below, together with a list of the principal commodities handled by each, and the geographical area serviced by each:

Cincinnati ASCS Commodity Office, 222 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati 2, Ohio. Telephone: Dunbar 1-2200. Commodities: Processed commodities, such as dairy products (butter, cheese, and nonfat dry milk) and linseed oil. Area: All States except Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, which are serviced by the Portland ASCS Commodity Office.

Dallas ASCS Commodity Office, 500 South Ervay St., Dallas 1, Texas. Telephone: Riverside 8-5611. Commodities: Hard winter wheat, rice, peanuts, grain sorghums, corn, oats, barley, rye, soybeans, tung oil. Area: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.

Evanston ASCS Commodity Office, 2201 Howard St., Evanston, Illinois. Telephone: Long Distance -- University 9-0600 (Evanston Exchange), Local -- Rogers Park 1-5000 (Chicago Exchange). Commodities: Corn, soybeans, soft wheat, oats, barley, rye, grain sorghums, dry edible beans. Area: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Kansas City ASCS Commodity Office, 560 Westport Road, Kansas City 41, Missouri. Telephone: Valentine 1-7104. Commodities: Hard winter wheat, corn, dry edible beans, oats, barley, rye, grain sorghums, soybeans. Area: Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

Minneapolis ASCS Commodity Office, 6400 France Ave., South, Minneapolis 10, Minnesota. Telephone: Walnut 7-7311. Commodities: Spring wheat, durum wheat, flaxseed, barley, corn, oats, rye, grain sorghums. Area: Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

New Orleans ASCS Commodity Office, Wirth Bldg., 120 Marais St., New Orleans 16, Louisiana. Telephone: 529-2411. Commodities: Cotton (upland and extra long staple), cottonseed, cottonseed oil. Area: All cotton-producing States.

Portland ASCS Commodity Office, 1218 S. W. Washington St., Portland 5, Oregon. Telephone: Capitol 6-3361. Commodities: Wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye, grain sorghums, dry edible beans, dairy products and other processed commodities. Area: Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.